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Dear Hal:

Since I bought my copy of Frame-up I have taken spare time to read it and am about through. The good reviews you sent on it are well justified. The case you develop against the Department of Justice ought to be the focus of the attack on it by defenders of civil rights. The only trouble is that the liberals have compromised themselves so much in the past that they cannot deal with the Martin Luther King assassination without raising the spector of their failure in regard to the Kennedy assassinations.

I am particularly interested in your projected book on John Kennedy's change of policy at the time of the planning of his assassination. I will inclose copy of letters I wrote to some public figures on this subject. It is indeed of crucial importance. Kennedy cannot be made out to be a lily-white saint, but his change of heart, mind and program from one that was acceptable to the military industrial complex to one that was anathema to them was the point that the press has almost completely missed throughout the episode of the Pentigon Papaers. I hope you can write this so that it could get a good reception. I believe this should be considerably more possible than with the other books.

My father's eleven year endeavor on the Army Engineers finally is published. The Christian Science Monitor gave it the full page of its second section in an excellent condensation to give some of the heart of the book in that limited space. At the age of ninety-three he has produced his masterpiece. Many of us worked with him at it. His eyesight has become so dim that he has had to have much of the recent material read to him. He still picks out his way on the typewriter at a pace of production that most younger men would envy, now working on other projects of moment. We had a spy for a while from (probably) the army engineers delegated to oversee the work by gaining access to the office through a jimmied lock. We took precaution to never leave the manuscript without duplicates in secure places. But no major obstruction developed. Every president of the United States has found the Army Engineers so insubordinate and power-hungry that they all distrusted them, so we had more allies that you have had. When it came to publishing it was almost as difficult as you found it. Only the most independent and friendly publisher had the courage and will to do the job. It is readable, heavily documented, brief enough not to be too ponderous, and devastating. Some men of wealth helped out financially to make much possible that was impossible to you. And then we had the wide circle of friends my father accumulated over his lifetime to come to his aid in countless details of labor.

Congratulations and best wishes, GMS Griscom Morgan